

Miscellaneous

For the Free Press.

ENIGMA.

When Israel murmured at Horeb 'twas heard, And came with the water spoke forth at a word; Was placed in Eden when Adam was there, And grew with the tree of knowledge so fair; Was given to Eve the mother of all, And exists with the serpent who tempted her fall; Was whisper'd in Rome, seen in Rochelle, Rose with Switzerland, died with Tell, Flourish'd with Caesar, conquer'd and fell; With us in life, attends us in death, Flows in each tear, heard in each breath; In every whisper its being is found, And in Gabriel's trumpet its accent will sound.

A solution is requested. W. H. D.

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When shall we four meet again? When shall we four meet again? Oft shall glowing hope expire, Oft shall death and sorrow reign, Ere we four shall meet again.

Though in distant lands we sigh, Though beneath a hostile sky, Though the deep between us rolls, Friendship shall unite our souls: Still in Fancy's rich domain, Oft shall we four meet again.

When around this youthful pine, Moss shall cross and ivy twine, When our burnish'd locks are grey, This'd by many a toil-spent day, May this long-lived hour remain, Then may we four meet again.

When the dreams of life are fled, When its worsted lamp is dead, When in old oblivion's shade Beauty, power, and fame are laid— Where immortal spirits reign, There may we four meet again.

NORTH-CAROLINA GOLD.

Extract of a letter dated Washington, Dec. 27.

I have just seen and conversed with an intelligent gentleman who resides in that part of the State of North Carolina where gold has lately been discovered. From him I have learned several facts in relation to the subject, with which I was previously not acquainted, and which I presume may be interesting to you. You may recollect that when first found, this precious material was picked up in the bed of a brook; it is now found on higher ground. The farm on which most has been obtained, is situated in Montgomery county, about sixteen miles from Montgomery Court House. The farm [of about 450 acres] belongs to a widow, who has several sons. The property was equally divided among them; but by an amicable arrangement, it is agreed that whatever gold may be found on the portion belonging to either brother, it shall be equally parted among the rest. The metal is found in lumps of various sizes: the largest lately picked up weighed four pounds ten ounces—another, three pounds and two ounces. [You may remember that some years ago, in the brook first mentioned, a lump was found weighing twenty-eight pounds.] They have not yet gone far from the surface not perhaps above twelve feet; but the lower they go, the more gold is found. The mode by which the metal is obtained, is by putting the soil into "rockers," that is, boxes placed on pieces similar to those under a cradle, where water is poured on it, and the dirt is constantly agitated till by its gravity, the gold sinks to the bottom, and is then picked out by hand. The land on which it is found is of

rather poor quality, raising say twenty bushels of corn to an acre. There are about one hundred and fifty hands at work: though the number varies, as few of them are hired, but consist of persons living near by, who are permitted by the owner to dig, on condition of yielding up to him one half of what they may find. A negro lately found a lump worth one thousand and fifty dollars. The gold is of such virgin purity as to require two carots of alloy to bring it down to the American standard for gold coins. A gentleman who gave me the above particulars has in his possession several small lumps of it, which he shewed me. In shape, they look much like pieces of lead which have been dropped in water; they are of a deep yellow, but without any glittering brightness. Some of that found on the high ground is paler. The surface on different parts of which this precious metal has yet been discovered, extends about thirty miles, within which space there are eight diggings, some more and some less productive. The poor people who adventure generally club their earnings in companies of three and four.—When they come to tough clay they throw it on one side, as it requires too much time and labor to wash it to render business profitable. Yet it often happens, when the rains have washed these heaps of clay, that small yellow points are exposed. There are, as yet, no persons of capital embarked in this search; but should this happen as doubtless it soon will, we may possibly have a regular gold mine; an event which in my judgment, is a matter rather of regret than congratulation.

N. Y. Com. Adv.

Canals....It appears from an estimate recently published in the Albany Daily Advertiser, that the value of the produce brought on the New York canals from the west and the north to that city alone during the last year, amounts to two millions three hundred and nine thousand, two hundred and six dollars and 43 1-2 cents. In making the estimate, the value of many articles have been omitted, such as hops, butter, cheese, lard, wool, paper, timber, &c. which, if calculated in the account would swell it to nearly three millions of dollars.

Painted Tea....Common Bohea Tea, worth about three or four shillings the pound, is sifted, and the largest reserved for painting, as it is called. Dutch pink and prussian blue is finely powdered and united together, which forms a fine green powder; the tea and the colour are put together into a long leathern bag, and gently shook backward and forward by two persons, until the tea becomes charged with sufficient colour to assume the appearance of fine bloom Hyson, and is then sold for eight or ten shillings the pound: occasionally the leaves of the black-currant tree are rolled, dried, and broken into fine pieces, and which imparts a peculiar and agreeable flavour.

Interesting law Decision. ....Before the Inferior court of Chatham county, Georgia, a case of considerable novelty in this part of the county has been decided. Thomas Franklin Hall, who now lies under the sentence of death, for the murder of a negro belonging to John P.

Williamson, in December last, was sued for trespass, at the instance of the owner.

The plea set up by the defendant, by his counsel, was, that Hill being capitally convicted, was civiliter mortuus, and that the private injury was merged in the offence, committed against the public; to which it was replied, that his appearance before the court, by attorney, invalidated this plea, and again, that the doctrine of merger was inapplicable to the institutions of this country, putting out of view the fact, that the English law meant to create a disability, and not to invest the offender with a privilege. After the Jury had retired for a few minutes, they returned with a verdict of 500 dollars damages for the plaintiff.

ALEXANDER SMYTH AND THE APOCALYPSE.

"Angels and ministers of grace defend us!"—The heavenly rhapsodies of the divine bard of Patmos, are no longer inexplicable—the visions of the rapt seer are made plain as children's lessons. All the gorgeous and glorious figures of oriental fancy, are brought down to tame explanations. No longer will the pale horse of death, with hell in his train, strike us with dread and consternation—all is found out; not by fasting and prayer, not by a pilgrimage to the holy land, not by saintly seceded cell, but by a common sinner—one who has brandished his sword and cried aloud for war; one who, instead of passing his days in divine contemplation, in the isle of Patmos, or other dark solitudes, has been busting in the halls of legislation. Hohenloe, where are you?—this miracle is as far beyond thine, as heaven is higher than the earth. How much are the world disappointed; for it was believed that he to whom the key of this revelation was given, would come with horses and chariot of fire. Not so—God mortifies the pride of man, in using humble means to bring about great ends; for all this great book, as it were, into heaven this unfolding of eternity, may be obtained by sending to Washington, a subscription to Alexander Smyth. Oh! quackery, thou art mistress of the world!

LIST OF LETTERS

- Remaining in the Post Office at Halifax, the 1st January, 1825, which if not taken out by the 1st of April, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters: Allen Thomas Ivy Rob't M W Avent Maryan Kelly James Alsobrook Jacob S Montford H G 5 Bynum Jesse A 2 Mathews Giltford Bryant Mary H Media Martha Brown Elizabeth Michael Mary Bert Salumeth Myric Edward Butler John Nine Jno Clantan Landon Polock George Cheely Drewry Pucket Lawson Cooper George Purnell Jno Carter Richard Pepper John Chambers Jno S Powell Daniel Curtis Henry Pettway M H Deacons Edmund Poots Joshua Dicken William Perkins Rob't Daniel Judge Rhodes Mary Davis C T N Smith John Dempsey Charly Skiles William Eaton Cha's R Stith Albert Falcon Isaac N Stith Albert Falcon Martha W Show Jno & Henry Gee S H Turner James R Green Thomas P M Tyler's Store Grinsted Tho's J Wyche A A 4 Gardner Caleb M Walker Henry Gilmore William Wilkes Henry Hardy Henry 2 Whitaker Dudley Hart Tho's G Weaver Jarred Horton Tho's G Whitaker Rob't Harper Rebecca Waller Leartes Hunt Nathaniel Wilson R H Hays Jesse Winborne Henry Hawks John Williams Turner Jones Rob't C Yellowly Charl'a Isbell P B 80-3t JAMES SIMMONS, P. M.

Will be Sold,

BY the Subscriber, on the second day of February court next, to the highest bidder,

Twenty-three likely Negroes, Belonging to the estate of William Burt, deceased—some three or four of said negroes will be sold for cash, the balance of them sold on a credit of ninety days for paper (with unexceptionable security,) payable and negotiable at the Newbern Branch Bank at Halifax. Among said negroes there are ten fellows, most of them young and likely, of which there is an excellent gardener, a good house carpenter, a first rate ditcher, and an excellent hostler or body servant; the balance consists of young women and children, one of those women an excellent seamstress.

Henry Garrett, Adm'r. Jan. 11, 1825. 43-6t

DR. H. HARDY,

HAVING removed his office to Halifax, offers his services to the people, and hopes to receive a part of their patronage: He has taken the house formerly occupied by Dr. Marrast, next door below the Farmer's Hotel, and opposite the Bank. He promises fidelity, promptitude and moderation, in the practice of the profession. He has on hand and intends keeping, a general Assortment of Medicines,

Which he will sell at reduced prices for Cash, or on a short credit. In addition to his former supply he has received the following, which may be bought at the subjoined rates:

- Epsom Salts, per lb. \$ 25 Refined Salt Petre, do 25 Alum, do 20 Brimstone, do 12 Cream tartar, do 75 Sugar lead, do 1 25 Orange peel, do 75 Arrow root, pulver'd, do 1 25 Pearl ash, do 25 Borax, refined, do 1 Copperas, do 10 Glauber salts, do 12 Rochelle salts, do 1 25 Sanford's bark, do 4 Common bark, do 3 Fol: senna, do 1 Turmeric root, do 2 Orris root, do 1 50 Magnesia, do 2 25 Calcined magnesia, per oz. 50 Gum camphor, do 25 Oil peppermint, do 75 Mace, do 50 Cloves, do 25 Cinnamon, do 25 Ginger, do 12 Nutmegs, do 37 Oil amber, do 25 Essence lemon, do 75 Essence peppermint, do 37 Carbonate potasse, do 25 Prussiate iron opt. do 40 Bole Armenia, do 37 Verdigris, do 25 Castor oil, per bottle, 1 25 Lemon acid, do 37 Opodeldoc, do 37 Best London mustard, do 37 Sal Eriatus, do 50 Cologne water, do 37 Stoughton's bitters, do 1 Best sweet oil, do 1 British oil, do 25 Swaim's panacea, do 4 50 Soda powders, per box, 50 Rochelle powders, do 1 25 Cajeput oil, per drachm, 50 Oil cloves, do 25 Oil caraway, do 25 Oil annis, do 25 Oil wormseed, do 25 Oil juniper, do 25 Essence burgamot, do 15 Tincture musk, do 15

Those who buy medicine at his office will have all prescriptions gratis, unless required in writing. January 6.

LOST,

ON Sunday, the 2d inst. between Louisburg and Halifax, a Red Morocco Pocket-Book, Containing some promissory notes, constable's receipts, and two patents for land, one to Jane Bayard, and the other to Mr. Bogue, of Perquimans county, of no use to any person but the owners. Any person returning the same to W. P. Little, Esq. of Warren, W. E. Webb, of Hyde Park, in Halifax, or at this office, shall be reasonably rewarded. Jan. 4, 1825. 3t The Warrenton Reporter will insert the above three times, and forward the account to Robert McCaulley, Hertford, Perquimans county.

NOTICE.

AT the late May term of Halifax County Court, the Subscriber qualified as administrator of EDWARD O. RHODES, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and the creditors are hereby notified to present their claims duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar.

Jos. H. Bryan, Adm'r. Nov. 25, 1824. 36-2m

MARYLAND University Lottery,

THIRD CLASS, To be drawn on the 27th day of January, 1825, and be completed on that day.

SCHEME. 1 Prize of \$10,000 is 10,000 1 do of 7,000 is 7,000 1 do of 5,000 is 5,000 1 do of 4,000 is 4,000 1 do of 2,500 is 2,500 1 do of 2,340 is 2,340 6 do of 1,000 is 6,000 12 do of 500 is 6,000 156 do of 50 is 7,800 780 do of 10 is 7,800 7800 do of 5 is 39,000

8763 Prizes } \$97,440 15600 Blanks } 24,360 Tickets.

Whole ticket, \$5 00 Half ditto, 2 50 Quarter ditto, 1 25

Certificate of 10 whole tickets, \$50 Ditto 10 half ditto 150 Ditto 10 quarter ditto 80

Orders, enclosing the cash or prize tickets in any of the Lotteries of Maryland or Virginia, for tickets or shares in the above brilliant Lottery, will receive prompt attention if addressed to

Whyte's Lottery-Office, PETERSBURG—VIRGINIA. January, 1825.

NOTICE.

AT the late November term of Halifax County Court, the subscriber qualified as administrator to the estate of JAMES W. ALSTON, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and the creditors of the same are hereby notified to present their claims duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law.

Willis W. Alston, Adm'r. Nov. 16, 1824. 35-3m

Masonic Notice

THE Officers and Companions of the Roanoke Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, will attend a special convocation at the Masonic-Hall, in the town of Halifax, on Monday evening, the 31st inst. By order of the M. E. H. P. S. M. Johnston, Sec'y. Jan. 12, A. L. 5825.

Union Academy.

THIS institution, at which spelling, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, English grammar, and Geography with the use of maps, are to be taught, will be open for the reception of scholars on the first Monday in March next. The situation is healthy; the building will be new, spacious, and convenient; and the Tutor, who is to superintend the school, has had six years experience in teaching at a respectable Academy in this state. His character and qualifications may be known by applying to David Clark, Wm. R. Smith, S. J. Baker, or Geo. E. Spruill. The year will be divided into two sessions of five months each. Board in respectable families, and in the immediate neighborhood of the Academy, can be obtained at a reasonable price.

PRICES OF TUITION. For Spelling, Reading, Penmanship, and Arithmetic, per session, \$5 English Grammar and Geography, do. 6 50 Jno. H. Purrington, Thomas Vaughan. Scotland Neck, N. C. } 408 Dec. 18, 1824. }